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**AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 1.312**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS**

*In the Specification*

Please replace the Summary of the Invention, beginning on page 5, line 1 and ending on page 6, line 7 with the following amended paragraphs:

**Summary of the Invention**

This invention provides a method for processing of access control lists and thus enforcement of access control. A plurality of access control specifiers are configured in an